

Lauderdale site of foodie road trips

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Three of Fort Lauderdale's most interesting food purveyors have joined forces to offer the city's first foodies field trips. **Lenore Nolan-Ryan Cooking School & Catering**, Cheese Culture and The Spice Quarter say the city is in the middle of a gourmet renaissance.

Guests pay \$125 for a four-hour tour on board a comfortable bus.

Tours leave from Nolan-Ryan's cooking school, at 228 Commercial Blvd., and the first stop is Cheese Culture (813 E. Las Olas Blvd., 954-533-9178), where red and white wine will be paired with a selection of the shop's fine cheeses.

Next up is a stop at The Spice Quarter (2324 E. Las Olas Blvd., 954-652-1025), where guests learn about aged balsamic vinegar of Modena, exotic spice blends and taste the difference between olive oils.

The tour ends at Nolan-Ryan's place, where **the city's best cooking teacher** leads a hands-on cooking class and tasting. She'll feature goat cheese, artichoke pesto and tomato jam crostini; caramelized onion, olive and manchego tart; and mozzarella and prosciutto tapas.

There are three tours scheduled: 4-8 p.m., Sunday; 6-10 p.m. May 17 and 6-10 p.m. May 23. There is a maximum of 24 guests on each tour.

To reserve a seat, call 954-491-2340 or email caroline@lenorenolanryan.com.

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